



VEX Robotics Championship of the Americas Policies and Guidelines

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in following these site specific rules.

- Team members, coaches and event officials only in the pit area. (We do not want this area to get congested as this will be your “home” for the day. We are sensitive to your need for a good work area and would appreciate it if you would inform your fans that this area is restricted.)
- No large banners or signs that would restrict the view of other teams in the pit area, competition area or anywhere that would obstruct the view of fans or participants.
- No portable music devices. Additionally no loud noise makers that could interfere with announcements. (It would be disappointing to have a team be disqualified if they missed their match because they could not hear the announcer calling for their team.)
- Please stay in event areas only.
- Outside food and drink is prohibited by Kroc Center officials
- Name tags are to be worn at all times.

What to Bring

Required:

- Laptop Computer with power cord.
- All tools needed to repair your robot. (No large power tools please.)
- Safety glasses for all team members coaches and mentors
- MAKE SURE YOUR ROBOT ALREADY HAS THE NEWEST VERSION OF THE VEX MASTER CODE.

Highly Recommended:

- Engineering Notebook (These will be collected at registration. Notebooks are optional.)
- Printed copy of program. (These will be collected at registration. Printed programs are optional.)
- Review the Inspection Checklist and Guide before showing up for the event. Try to pre inspect your own robot to ensure you can pass inspection quickly when you arrive.
- A backup of your program on disk or CD.
- Carrying case for robot/equipment and all the spare parts you will need.
- Power Strip
- Emergency contact number (for team members)
- Note paper and pens/pencils
- Extra Batteries for your robot and controller
- Team Spirit
- Enough money for lunch/snacks.

Optional:

- Things to promote VRC and your team.
- Gifts (Small trinkets to share with other teams.)
- Pit Decorations (Make a positive statement about your team and your sponsors! We do ask that any decorations be limited to things that you can tape to your table and do not obstruct walkways or visibility to other teams.)
- Costumes (Identify your team with a unique “uniform”.)

What Not to Bring

- Valuables (Jewelry, video games, large amount of money, etc) *The tournament hosts are not responsible for lost or damaged items.*
- Loud noise makers
- Stereo/music devices (Personal music devices like iPods are fine however the CREATE Foundation and Kroc Center personnel cannot guarantee the safety of items brought into the event.)

General Recommendations

- Make sure to label all your equipment and materials with your team number or school name.
- Make sure your team reads and understands all the scoring and current rules for the game before showing up at the event.
- Open toed shoes are not recommended and heavily discouraged.